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For: IMPLANTABLE HERMETICALLY

SEALED HOUSING FOR AN IMPLANTABLE

MEDICAL DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

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) Examiner: Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, applicants respectfully submit the attached references and request that they be made of record in the above-identified application.

The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification of the above-mentioned application. A copy of each of the references is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing, or entry into the national phase, of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740105-75).

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